



Department of Parks and Recreation
City of Frisco, Texas

Memorandum

To: Community Development Corporation (CDC) Board Members

Cc: Henry J. Hill, Deputy City Manager
Rick Wieland, Director of Parks and Recreation

From: Dudley Raymond, Planning and Business Development Manager

Date: June 16, 2009

Subject: Potential location and funding of a temporary dog park

Background

Frisco Dog Park, Inc. approached the Parks and Recreation Board and asked if they would be allowed to construct a temporary Dog Park in the permanent park's location. The thought was that the Frisco Dog Park, Inc. could generate enough funds or in-kind material and/or labor to construct the fence and the bare bones needed for the dog park. Those elements could be left in place and the remainder of the park could be finished at a later date.

Staff met with the organization and it became evident that this was not an option that would fit within the groups abilities. Due to the cost of getting water to the site, building a parking lot, supplying electric and mass grading, the project became out of their reach.

The option of building a temporary facility at an alternate location was discussed and two sites came to the top. The first being the 2 acres just south of the water tower on BF Phillips Community Park and the open area south of the parking lot and baseball fields at Harold Bacchus Community Park. After some discussion, the Parks and Recreation Board felt that it would be most appropriate at the BF Phillips location.

The Parks and Recreation Board asked Staff to develop a cost estimate for a temporary facility. Staff feels that a temporary bare bones facility would cost around \$75,000. This would include fence, water fountain and irrigation. The existing parking lot adjacent to 4th Army Memorial Drive can be used for the dog park. Frisco Dog

Park, Inc. offered that they had \$25,000 that they could donate towards the cost of construction. The Parks and Recreation Board indicated that they would contribute \$25,000 towards the funding. The Parks and Recreation Board also asked Staff to visit with the CDC and relay the proposal that has been made to ascertain if the CDC would be agreeable to the proposal of a temporary facility, its location and if they would be willing to be a funding partner. The Parks and Recreation Board indicated that they would be happy to meet in a joint meeting if necessary, but thought that separate meetings may work as well.

Frisco Dog Park, Inc. has indicated that they will effort to contribute \$5,000-\$10,000 a year to the City to help offset the increased maintenance cost of a dog park. It should also be noted that this is the bare minimum. There will be no shade structure, tables, concrete walks, agility equipment, dual pens for rotation and security lighting, other than what is currently available on the drive.